

City of Newton

Department of Planning and Development



FY16-FY20 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

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Introductions

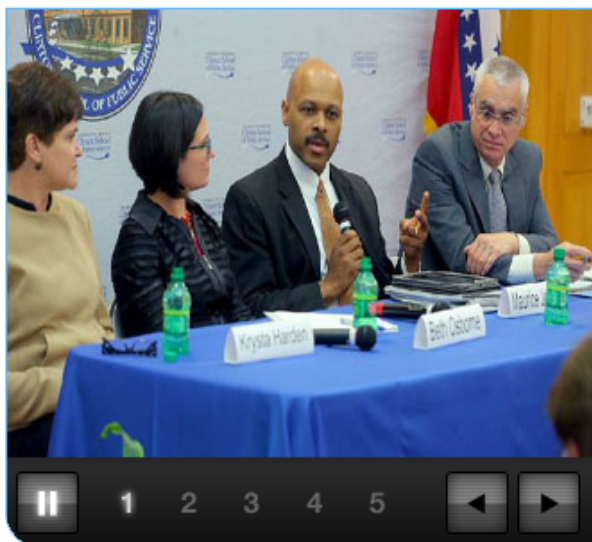


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- Dori Zaleznik, Commissioner of Health and Human Services
- Jayne Colino, Director of Senior Services
- Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development

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Links to Partnership Agencies



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Program for Evening



- Presentation
 - Consolidated Plan
 - Federal Funds
 - Programs
 - Process
 - Timeline
- Breakout Groups
- Report Back
- Next Steps

What is a Consolidated Plan?

- Assessment of community development and housing needs for people with low- to moderate-incomes in City (and region)
- Strategy identification for meeting needs
- Required by U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to plan for use of Federal grant funds for needs identified



CONSOLIDATED PLAN

FOR THE
CITY OF NEWTON
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM AND THE
WESTMETRO HOME CONSORTIUM

July 1, 2010—June 30, 2015

*For submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development
May 15, 2010*

Why is a Consolidated Plan important?



- Opportunity for significant public engagement for development of City priorities
- Data-driven
 - Now through the next year
 - Findings will help guide future discussion
- Beginning of conversation
- Future events will focus on specific program areas

Federal Grants



- Newton receives
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - ✦ Enacted in 1974
 - HOME Investment Partnerships Program
 - ✦ Enacted in 1990
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
 - ✦ Enacted in 1987; revised 2011

Federal Grants



- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Develop viable urban communities through
 - Decent housing
 - Suitable living environment
 - Expanded economic opportunities

Federal Grants



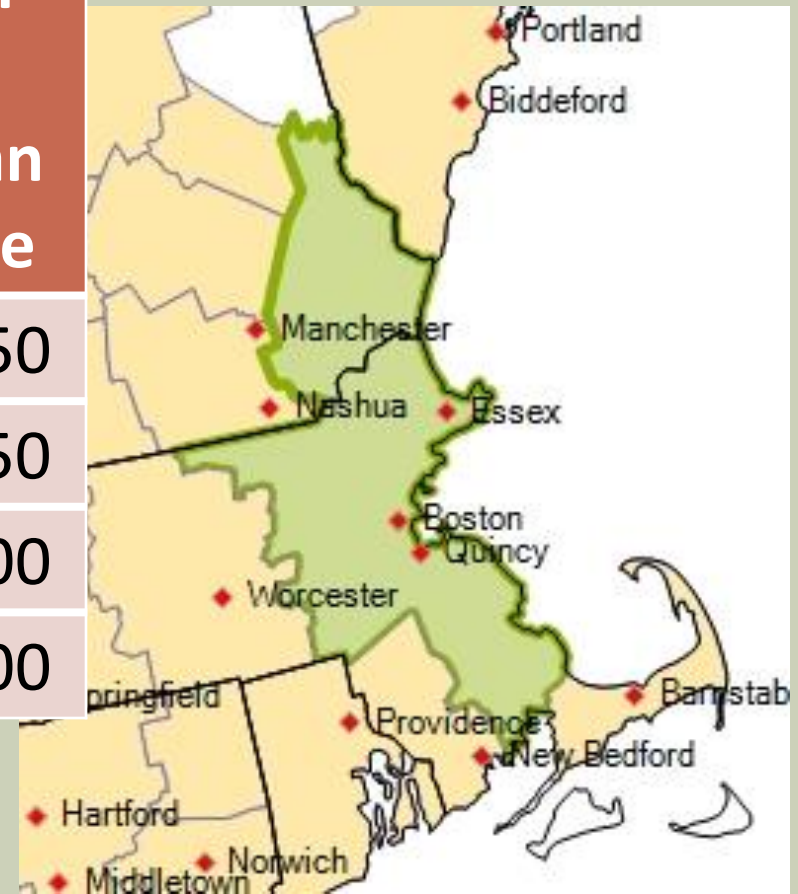
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
 - Provide decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing to lower-income households
 - Leverage private sector participation

- Emergency Solutions Grant
 - Support operations and services of homeless shelters
 - Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless
 - Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families

Low and moderate incomes



Household Size	80% of Area Median Income	50% of Area Median Income	30% of Area Median Income
1	\$47,150	\$33,050	\$19,850
2	\$53,900	\$37,800	\$22,650
3	\$60,650	\$42,500	\$25,500
4	\$67,350	\$47,200	\$28,300

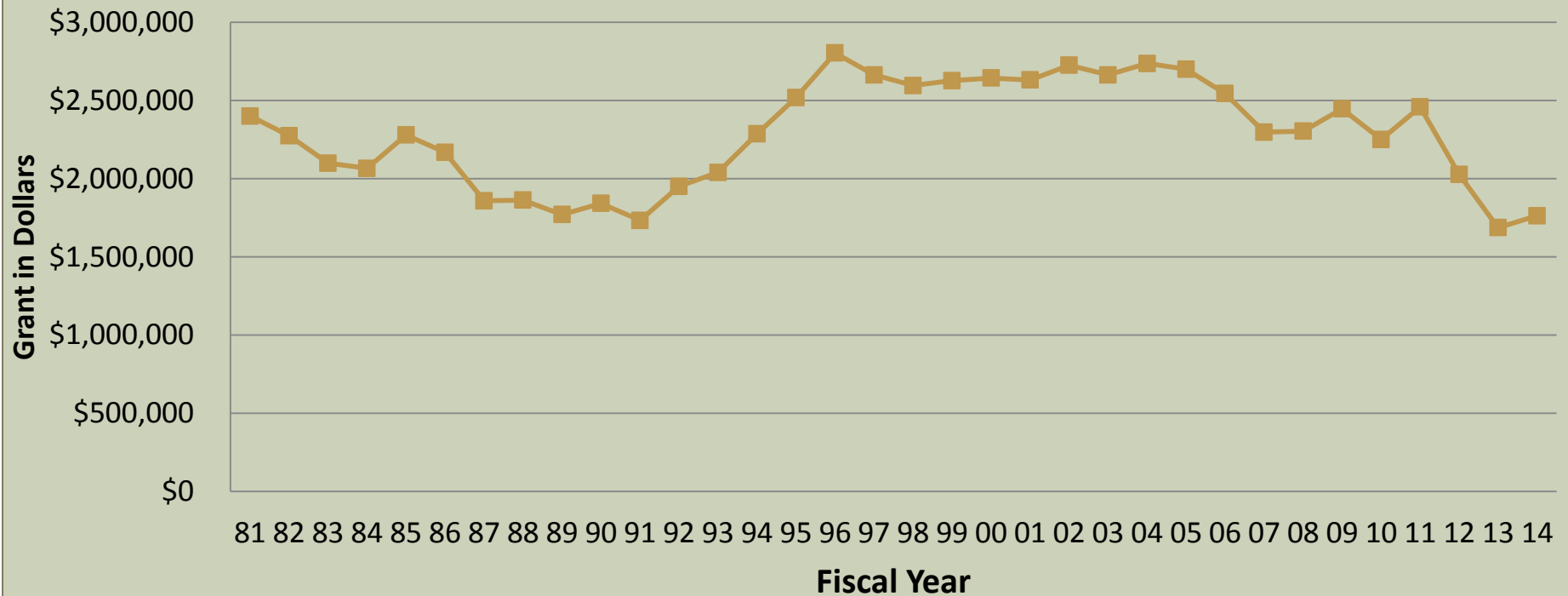


Who has a low or moderate income?



- Clerks
- Engineering technicians
- Title examiners
- Family, school social workers
- Human resources assistants
- Machinist
- Transit police
- Travel agents
- Cement masons
- Dental assistants
- Library technicians
- Massage therapists
- Nursing assistants
- Cooks
- Dishwashers
- Taxi drivers
- Also assumed low/mod
 - Abused children
 - Survivors of domestic violence
 - Adults with severe disabilities
 - Older adults (> 62 years)
 - Homeless persons
 - Illiterate persons
 - Persons with AIDS

Annual Changes to Newton's CDBG Allocation FY1981 - 2014



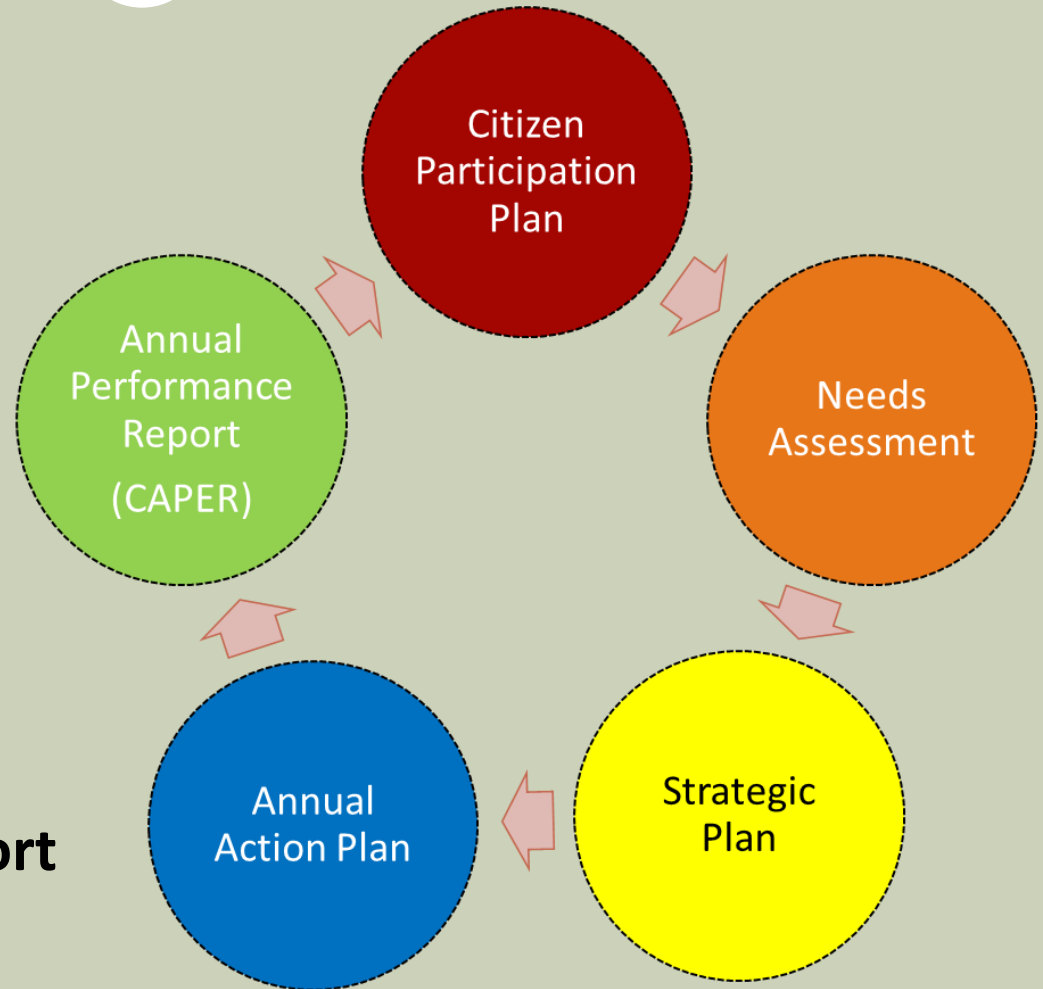
Consolidated Plan: Purpose



- Identify needs of low- and moderate-income population
- Describe strategies to address needs
- Discuss projects and programs that will be funded with CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds
- Five-year timeframe (FY16-FY20)
 - Amendments along the way
- Report on HUD requirements

Consolidated Plan: Process

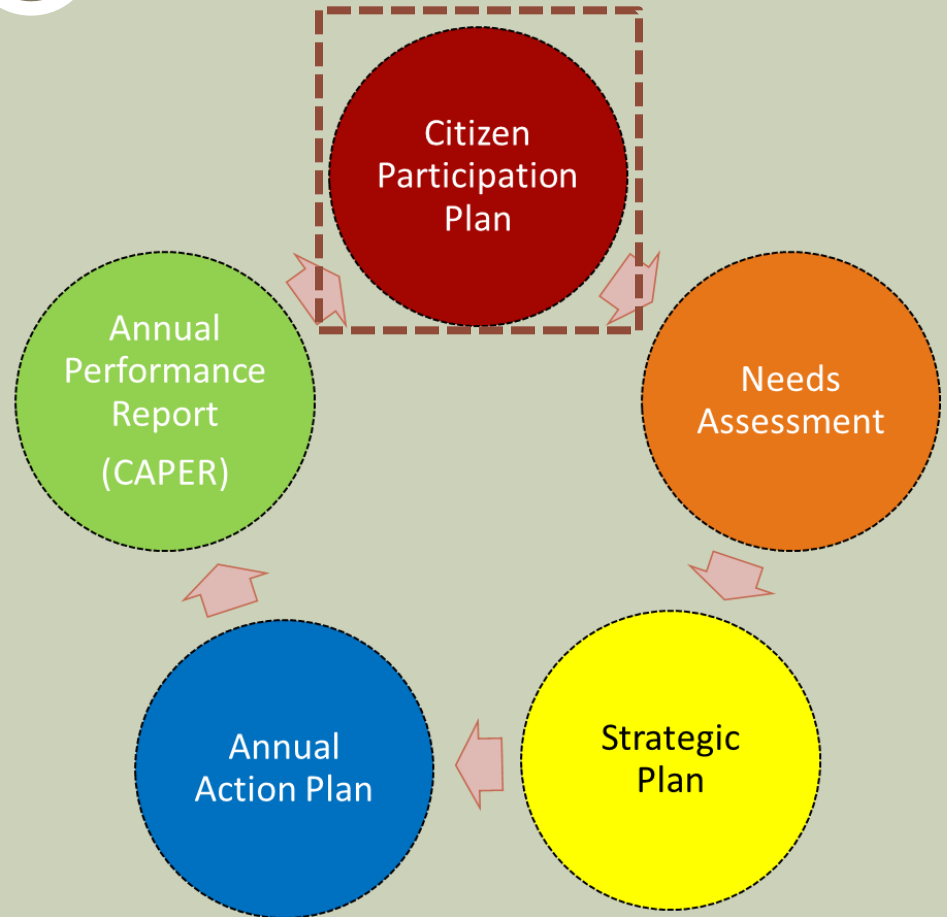
- **Citizen Participation Plan**
- **Needs Assessment**
- **Strategic Plan**
- **Annual Action Plan**
- **Annual Performance Report**



Citizen Participation

- Emphasis on reaching new people and with many views represented, such as...

- You!
- Program beneficiaries
- Residents with low to moderate income
- Local nonprofit organizations and businesses
- Area Councils
- Aldermen



Citizen Participation

- **Advisory Committees**

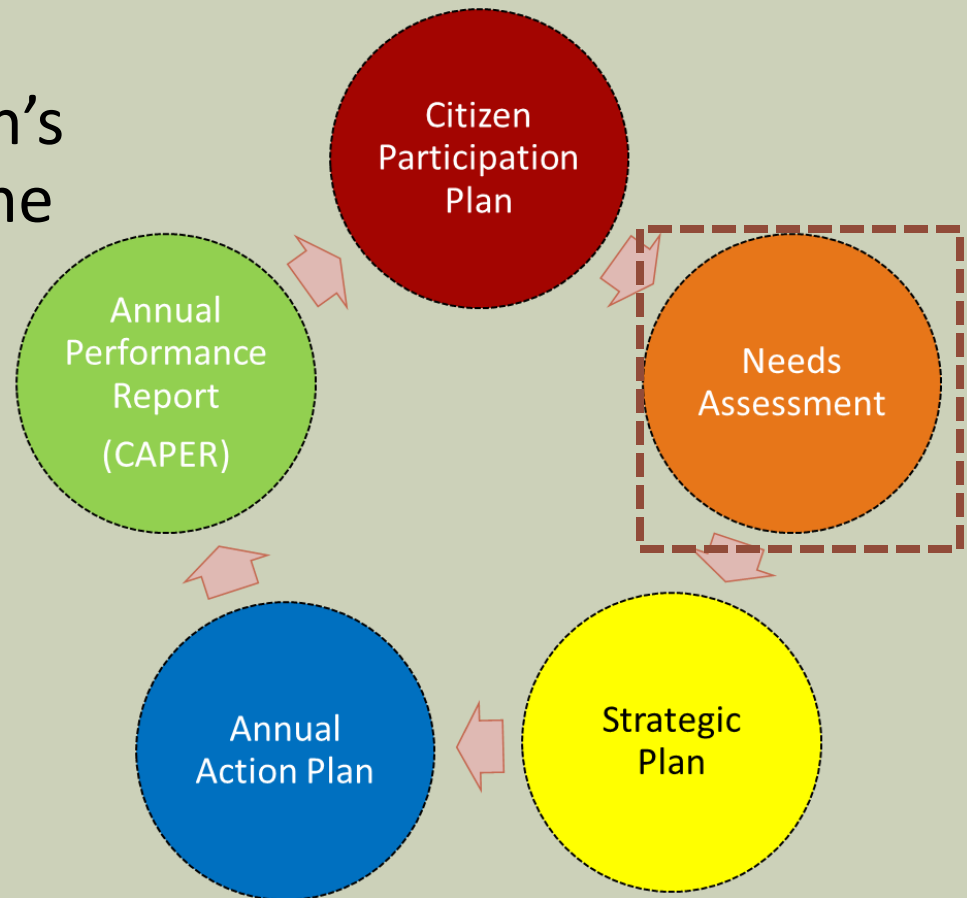
- Planning & Development Board
- Newton Housing Partnership
- Fair Housing Committee
- Neighborhood Advisory Committees
 - Nonantum
 - Newton Corner
 - West Newton
 - Newtonville
- Commission on Disability
- Human Services Advisory Committee
- Economic Development Advisory Committee



Needs Assessment



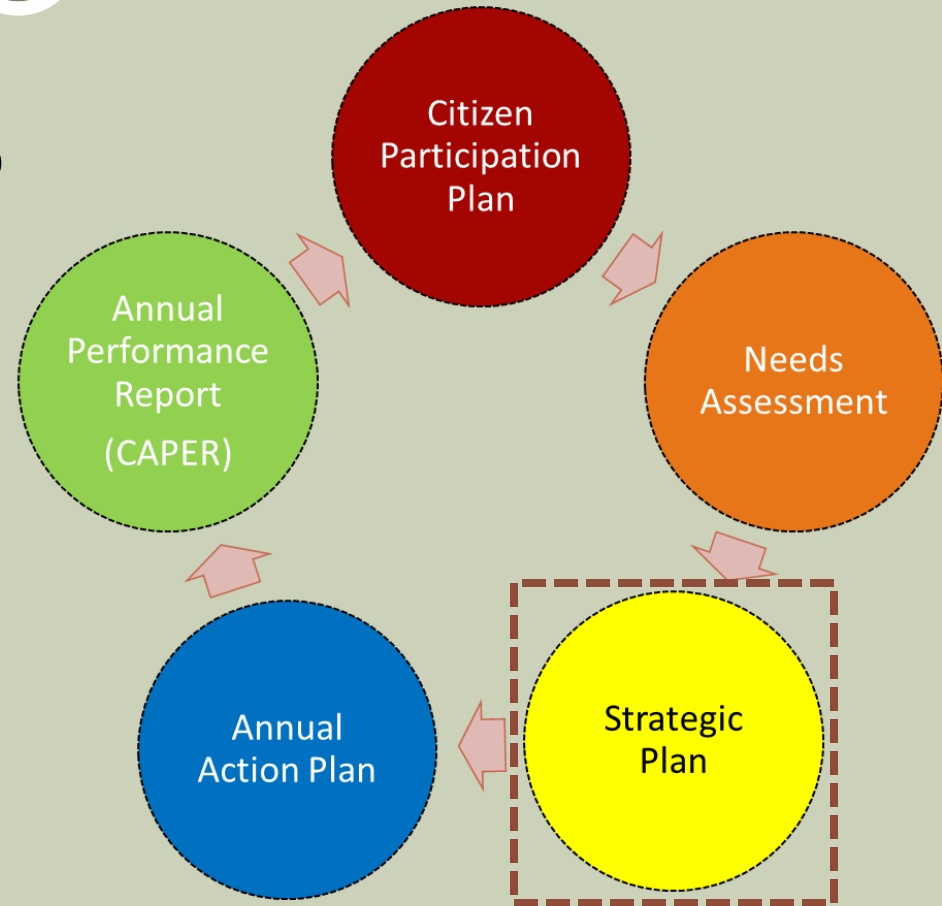
- Evaluate needs of Newton's low- and moderate-income residents
 - Housing & Homelessness
 - Community Development
- Phase I: Data collection
- Phase II: Citizen outreach



Strategic Plan



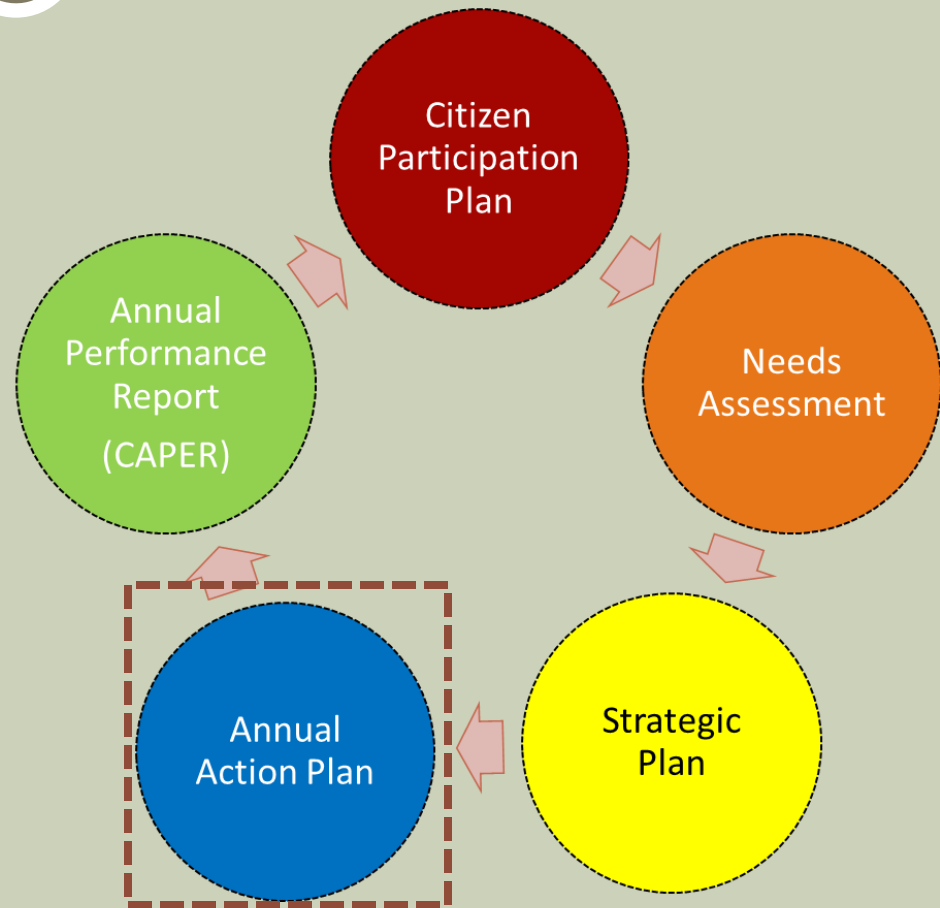
- Objectives and strategies to address identified needs
- Identify projects to advance objectives
- Funding estimates to complete projects
- Benchmarks for measuring success of strategies



Annual Action Plan

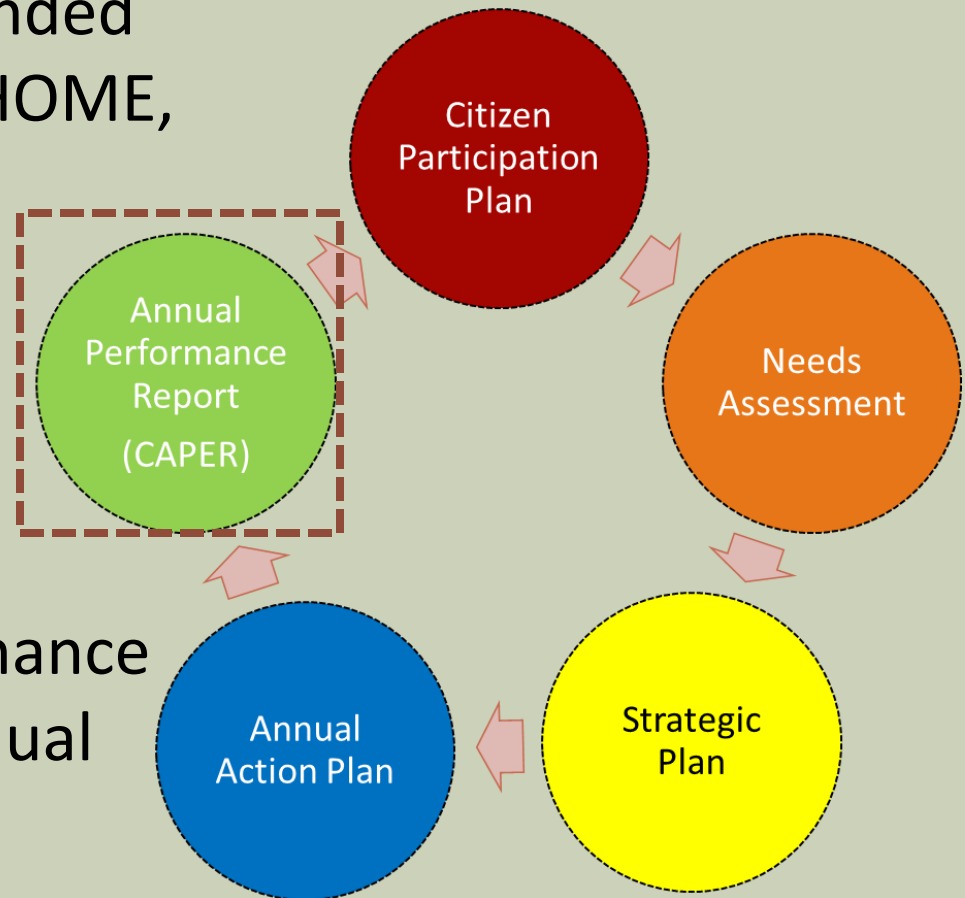


- Identifies agencies and organizations involved
- Reports on citizen participation efforts
- Establishes priorities for upcoming fiscal year
- Details current fiscal year projects
- Submitted to HUD for approval



Annual Performance Report

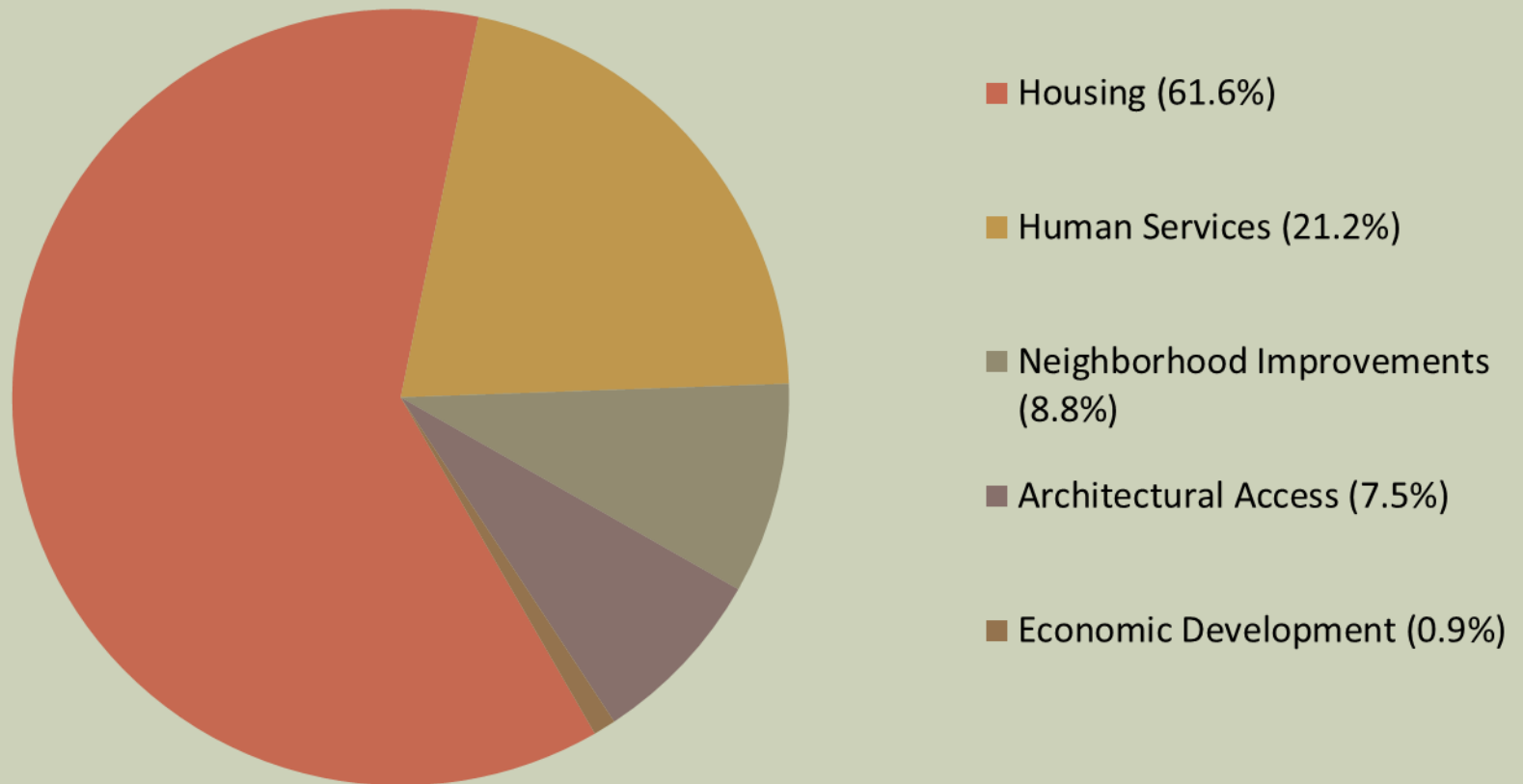
- Reports on all activities funded by the federal programs (HOME, CDBG, ESG)
- Describes efforts to meet yearly priorities in Five-Year Strategic Plan
- Compares actual performance with performance measures listed in the Annual Action Plan



Newton's CDBG Allocations, FY 2011-FY 2014



By Program Area*



*Program budgets only – Includes Program Income from loan repayments; excludes administrative costs

Housing



Rental and Homeownership

Housing



Parkview Homes

Housing Rehabilitation

Before



- Broken heating system covered with asbestos

After



- New energy-efficient heating system

Housing Rehabilitation

Before



- Not wheelchair-accessible

After



- ADA-compliant bathroom

Housing Rehabilitation

Before



- Dangerous deteriorated stairs

After



- Safe code-compliant stairway

Housing Rehabilitation

FY11-13



- 24 projects completed
- \$697,245 committed
- 11 emergency cases completed
 - restoring heat and hot water
 - lead abatement
- 7 accessibility projects completed
 - installing ramps
 - ADA-compliant bathrooms and living areas

Human Services



Newton Community Service Center
Parent Child Home Program Play Group



Newton Senior Center



Newton Community Service Center
Child Care Garden



John M. Barry Boys & Girls
Club – Teen Programs



Barry Price Center
Person-Centered
Planning Program

Human Services

FY11 – 13



Target Population	Funds Expended	People Served
Children	\$183,637.65	701
Youth	\$159,204.60	2,005
Adults/Families	\$216,528.73	2,451
Elders	\$313,342.00	12,202
People with Disabilities	\$118,436.00	614
Total	\$991,148.98	17,973

Human Service Organizations Receiving Funds in FY13



- John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club
- Bowen After School Program
- Newton Community Service Center
- The Newton Partnership, Inc.
- West Suburban YMCA
- Riverside Community Care
- REACH Beyond Domestic Violence
- Newton Housing Authority
- Newton Health and Human Services
- Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly
- Peirce Extended Day Program
- Newton Community Development Foundation
- Cousens Fund
- Barry Price Rehabilitation Center
- Charles River Association for Retarded Citizens
- Newton-Wellesley-Weston Committee for Community Living
- Newton Senior Services Department
- Newton Parks and Recreation
- Plowshares Education Development Center

Architectural Access



- 29 curb cuts improved
- 20 Audible/Accessible Pedestrian Signal units installed
- 4 City parks with improved accessibility
- 1 Public Building project completed



Newton Centre Playground Pathway

Architectural Access



Commonwealth and Washington Curb Cuts

Before



After



Neighborhood Improvements



- Four Target Neighborhoods
 - Newton Corner
 - Newtonville
 - Nonantum
 - West Newton
- Receive funding on annual rotating basis
- \$100,000 each year on average
- FY11-FY13
 - 11 Projects completed
 - \$591,000 expended

Carleton Park



Before



After



Cheesecake Brook



Before



After



Charlesbank Playground



Before



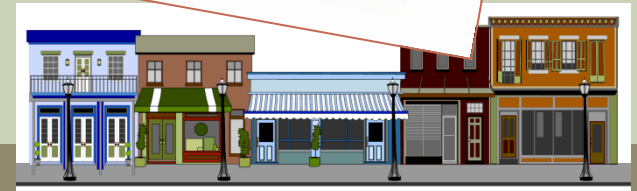
After



Nonantum



- CDBG Funds
 - Façade improvements
 - HC Ramps(7)/sidewalks
- DPW
 - Updated crosswalks
 - Sidewalks/driveways
 - Wayfinding
 - Lighting
- Parks and Recreation
 - Street tree replacement
- Village Volunteers
- Community Engagement Team



Emergency Solutions Grant FY11-FY13



Target Population	Funds Expended	People Served
Homeless families, individuals and people at risk of homelessness	\$126,259	499
Survivors of domestic violence and homeless individuals	\$227,241	1,568
Total	\$353,500	2,067

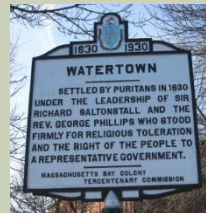


Transitional Residence Playroom
The Second Step, Inc.

WestMetro HOME Consortium

- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds designed to create affordable housing
- Newton is lead member and responsible for distributing funds to 13 other communities

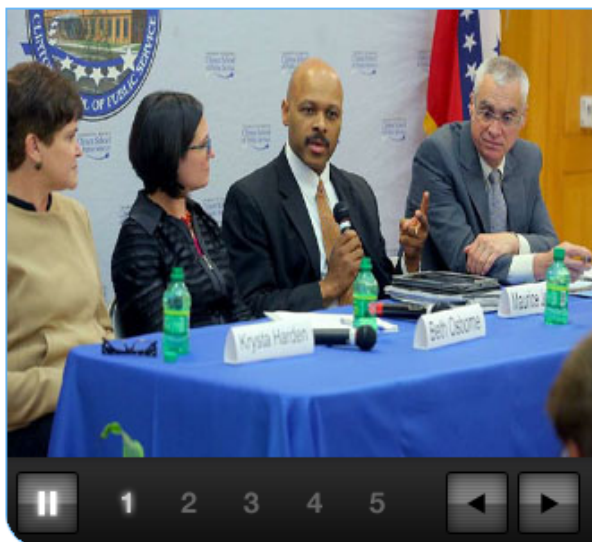
- Bedford
- Belmont
- Brookline
- Concord
- Framingham
- Lexington
- Lincoln
- Natick
- Needham
- Sudbury
- Waltham
- Watertown
- Wayland



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Breakout Groups



- Table Topics
 - What do you think are the most pressing needs in the community, especially for people with low and moderate incomes?
 - How can we best use all the resources available to address these needs in a holistic way?
- Assisted by City staff
- Match dot on name tag with colors on tables
- Identify
 - Recorder
 - Reporter

Timeline



Fall	FY16-20 Consolidated Plan Kick-off
Winter	Revise Public Participation Plan
Winter	Needs Assessment – Data Collection
Winter/Spring	Needs Assessment – Public Meetings & Input
Summer	Public hearing: Needs Assessment
Summer/Fall	Formulate objectives & strategies
Winter	Public hearing: draft document
Spring	Board of Aldermen grant review/acceptance
Spring	Mayoral approval
May 2015	HUD submission

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